

## Ph.D. in Law/Criminology at Ghent University (Belgium) – IRCP

### Ph.D. in Law/Criminology

The Institute for International Research on Criminal Policy (IRCP) hosts doctoral training in law/criminology at the Faculty of law, Ghent University. This Ph.D. in law/criminology is a challenging degree tailored for outstanding students with a strong commitment to criminal justice and criminology and a proven ability in independent research work. It helps prepare graduates for an academic career or for research-oriented position in the public or private sector.

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### Description

#### *Ghent University*

Ghent University (UGent) was established in 1817 by King William I of the Netherlands. Nowadays, Ghent University is one of the leading institutions of higher education and research in the Low Countries with 32,000 students and 7,100 staff members. Ghent University is an open, committed and pluralistic university with a broad international perspective.

Ghent University's international image is also reflected in the basic facts and figures. UGent is the only Belgian university in the top 100 of the Academic Ranking of World Universities, which is known as the Shanghai Ranking. Within this ranking, UGent is in 89<sup>th</sup> position.

#### *The Faculty of Law of Ghent University*

The Faculty of Law is one of the 4 founding faculties of the Ghent University. It is located in the Universiteitstraat, where the University was founded in 1817. The Faculty provides academic teaching and services based on innovative scientific research.

The education within the faculty is supported by the innovative scientific research performed within the 10 faculty departments encompassing all possible disciplines within the fields of law and criminological sciences. These departments are often divided into institutes and/or research groups and IRCP is the largest research institute in the faculty.

#### *IRCP*

IRCP was founded in 1992 as the Research Group Drug Policy, Criminal Policy and International Crime and got its final name in 2002. It is the goal of IRCP, which is integrated within the Department of Penal Law and Criminology of the Faculty of Law of Ghent University, to conduct and promote internationally relevant scientific research regarding criminal policy issues.

The field of research of IRCP focuses on three main themes: justice and home affairs in the European Union (EU), international and comparative criminal law and criminal justice, and Belgian criminal law and



criminal justice. Particularly, in the field of international and comparative criminal law and law enforcement, IRCP has gained substantial expertise in studying the legislation and the law enforcement services of the EU member states. Notably, in the past decade, particular attention has been paid to the Chinese criminal procedural law and criminal justice.

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## Who Can Apply

IRCP is particularly interested in candidates whose Ph.D. proposal focuses on comparative criminal justice (between China and Europe/the West). Although not required, it will be considered to be a positive factor if the candidate will apply for a CSC-grant in 2013.

To be eligible for being selected, candidates must be top students (in respect of study results) and should have fluent written and oral communication skills in English.

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## Financial Matters

### *Tuition Fee*

Ghent University pays the tuition fee for Chinese doctoral students. A tuition fee voucher is issued.

### *Research Funding*

#### CSC Holders

With support from its "Special Research Fund" (BOF), Ghent University is able to provide cofunding for Chinese PhD students holding a PhD-grant from the Chinese Scholarship Council (CSC).

The cofunding has the same duration as the candidate's CSC-grant and candidates can apply maximum two times for a CSC-cofunding scholarship.

The cofunding consists of financing for living and accommodation (about €5.400/year), insurance (about €500) and a bench fee for the promoter (€3.720/year).

**Further information:** <http://www.ugent.be/en/research/funding/phd/BOF/CHN/dosChina.htm>

### Doctoral Grant for Candidates from Developing Countries

Chinese candidates who are not illegible for a CSC-grant or are not awarded a CSC-grant but who want to do a PhD at Ghent University, can apply for a Doctoral grant for candidates from developing countries, issued by Ghent University.

**Further information:** <http://www.ugent.be/en/research/funding/phd/BOF/DOS/docos.htm>





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*Special Research Fund- Doctoral Scholarships*

Every year, with support from its “Special Research Fund” (BOF), Ghent University assists promising young researchers by means of PhD-grants.

**Further information:** <http://www.ugent.be/en/research/funding/phd/BOF/DOC/docen.htm>

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## Apply

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